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To W. L. L. ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Count thyself happy in the evening time,
That still thou does behold the heavenly powers;
Dearest still the Voice obeyed at prime,
Heard clearer now than in the crowded hours;
Still finding in the world of sense a hint
"something far more deeply interfused"—
Presence in the 'sun-flocked' road, a glint
Meaning in the things that men are used
To pass with dull and unilluminated mind;
Still finding now the very immanence
God-head in our poor weak human-kind,
Wherever soul maintains its war with sense,
Wherever Love spreads forth its eucharist,
Wherever heart from kindled heart draws fire,
Wherever is read the Fifth Evangelist,
The lives of all who serve, all who aspire.

May the light now shining from the West,
Transfiguring all things with its tender ray,
Like the long Northern twilight bring the best,
The purest, calmest hours of the day.

—A. O. L.

THE RETREAT AT AVALON.

By H. C. Ide, Redlands.

The Ninth Annual Retreat of the Southern California Congregational ministers from March 28 to April 1 registered high water mark for these gatherings which have come to mean so much to the fellowship. Over seventy-three were in attendance. The absence of Rev. William Davies, whose funeral took place in Los Angeles while the Retreat was in session, was keenly felt; for he had always attended and been a helpful and an alert contributor to all the programs.

Some new-comers were in the group. Prof. Graham Taylor was an honored visitor, as also was F. J. Day of Canada.

As usual the visitors met on the hillside outside the romantic little village each morning at 10 o'clock, and discussed problems and principles of personal and professional life, under the leadership of one of their number. In the evening of each day came an informal assembly in the little village church, when the towns people drifted in and sat out the fringes.

Afternoons went to recreations of all sorts, including a Wednesday picnic down the island as

guests of the hospitable people of the Avalon church, followed by games and frolics which proved that seemingly staid pastors are immensely human and need no Ponce de Leon vintage of Eternal Youth.

"First things first," the subject for the first night, set the pace for the week's discussions under the lead of the Conference Moderator, Rev. H. C. Ide, of Redlands. Other topics and leaders were: "The message needed for an age of worry and change," by J. H. Lash of Hollywood; "Books and reading," by H. K. Booth of Long Beach; "The pastoral service," by D. F. Fox of Pasadena; "A balanced theology and a balanced religion," by Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles First.

On Thursday evening Prof. Graham Taylor gave an address upon "Orient Conditions"; and on Friday evening Rev. John Gardner of Riverside spoke on "The mysticism of Jesus and Paul."

One of the most delightful and inspiring features of the Retreat each year has been the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, led by the venerable and beloved founder of the Retreat, Dr. James M. Campbell. He was able to be present this year and spoke on the congenial subject, "The abundant life."

These yearly gatherings not only give refreshment to the ministers in the midst of their season's labors, but by their promotion of acquaintance greatly stimulate co-operation in the common task. All the men are grateful to the Avalon people for their cordial hospitality, and to Dr. George F. Kengott, who attends to the details so graciously and efficiently.

The Monday Club meeting of April 18th was in honor of Raymond C. Brooks, who is leaving this region and the First church of Berkeley to take up work in Pomona College. He spoke to the assembled ministers in the First church of Oakland, giving a comprehensive view of what he had endeavored to make his message to his people in the long pastorate in Berkeley. At an honorary luncheon after the meeting there were many testimonials of love and appreciation and sorrow. Both Dr Brooks and his wife have so lived and wrought as to make the parting intensely sad; they go to the new work and what we believe will prove to be the best work of their lives, with the Godspeed of all the Northern folk.

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SLIPPING AWAY

Wallace W Lovejoy

It is one step from here to there,
When earth and Heaven as now join hand;
In this spring-tide blossomy air,
Just one step more and then—that Land!

And what shall meet me when 'tis past?
A mask of faces crowding near?

Nay! pure embodied Joy, one blast,—
And nothing else; high-arched and clear!

GOOD-WILL IN OPERATION

This office has lately been in receipt of so many letters of good-will concerning the value and comfort of the Pacific, that we wonder if we ought not to take our friends into our confidence. The fact is, our subscription-list is nearly, but not quite, equal to our necessities. Is it not possible to increase it by at least fifty per cent? Cannot the good-will of our friends be released to the substantial advantage of our Congregational paper?

This is the feasible plan; let each one of our friendly readers undertake to secure before the end of the month at least one new subscriber to the Pacific. It surely is not a difficult task; and think of the reward that would come to the new reader as well as to this periodical, not to mention the compensating satisfaction in the heart of the Good-will worker. Some may be able to pay the first year's subscription for one who is not now taking the paper, and thus perhaps win a permanent friend for it.

How many will undertake this new task in the interest of our Pacific Coast Congregationalism?

COMMERCIALIZING HIS MINISTERIAL STAND-ING.

A Congregational minister of Montana has been sending to his ministerial brethren a letter endorsing an oil company and urging them to invest their money in the concern. The emphasis of his persuasion is that he is a minister and some officers of the company are in his congregation.

A statement from an authoritative source says that over 90% of the oil companies are fraudulent; and with only a rare exception all oil investments are speculative, which is a mild way of saying that they are a gamble, pure and simple. The wise man and the not over-foolish will steer clear of all investments along this line. Where one gets his money back, ten thousand lose their all.

What disturbs us is that the young minister has so little appreciation of the dignity and worth of his ministerial standing that he will allow himself to be used for the advertising of such a scheme however honest he may think it to be. The implication is that either he has been donated a certain number of shares to lend his name to it, or that he is so unsophisticated as not to know the proprieties of the profession. Ministers as ministers should never commend quack medicines, shell games, oil speculations, or in any way endeavor to beguile money from their flocks or their brethren.

BUSINESS AND RELIGION.

This new book by Macmillan Company has diverse matter in it; some of it relevant and much not. Mr. Babson, the author, is a statistician but no philosopher nor logician, and much less a literatus. His writing lacks smoothness and continuity. Some passages prove repetitious and dreary. Like preachers of a certain sort he assumes the privilege of wandering from his text ad libitum.

He has too much to say about health and happiness and communications from the dead,—matter entirely foreign to his theme; he even discusses amateur-fashion thought-waves and psychic phenomena; and many other things does he which are irritating or amusing according to the mood of the reader.

Nevertheless here is a volume worth reading as "bound to be talked about." Many things striking are in it, upon which the judgment of readers will divide. Some things taken for granted Mr. Babson declares dogmatically to be false; and he has reasons.

The antagonist has berated the churches because they are "apart from the masses" and we have meekly acquiesced. Not so Mr. Babson. "If I were to a community and found the church made up only the poor people, I would say its religion was no good." Again, "the very fact that the church people are the most prosperous of a community, the great outstanding testimony of religion."

"We should point with pride (says he) to the fact that most of the church people are prosperous, and that most of the poor people are outside of the church."

He ventures to risk his reputation as a statistician on the statement that men fail in business because of lack of acumen, or opportunity or power, but because they have no religion. The basis of the success of the American captains of industry

religion, their own or that of somebody else. Men are successful because consciously or unconsciously they are praying men."

If there is a keynote to this volume of many opinions it is this;—what business needs is religion; that the church needs is to preach religion; even the solution of so tremendous a problem as the labor trouble will come only as we all get more religion and apply this religion to every day life."

It is good to know the judgment of a man of so wide and informing experience both in religion and business. ("Business and Religion," by Roger W. Babson, of the Babson Statistical Organization. 221 pages. Macmillan Company, New York.)

THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

Dr. Henry Kingman, pastor emeritus of the Claremont church, passed into the other life on April 5th. Though in feeble health for many years, his death was a shock to his friends. He was the spiritual leader of the community for twenty years, and as "the most revered and respected man in Claremont."

The weekly calendar of the church announced his departure under this quotation from "Helpful thoughts for daily living": "What a glorious companionship in service must open to one who, having finished his earthly course with joy, enters in eternal youth the strong glad hosts of the Church Triumphant."

An editorial in the Pomona Progress says: "No man ever passed into the great unknown realm beyond this earthly life with a greater faith in immortality." It was during his long pastorate that the Claremont church grew from small beginnings to the strong and effective organization it now is. His church will stand as a perpetual memorial of the man.

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Mrs. Adeline Champlin, the mother of Rev. C. C. Champlin, died at the family home in Sonoma on March 28, in her 74 year. She had been a sufferer for several months. When a young girl she came from Boston to San Francisco and was a member of the first graduating class of the old Normal school.

A COMMUNITY EASTER

Watsonville had a Community observance of Easter. A chorus of 75 voices had been trained for the Easter program, and Sunday evening all the churches omitted their usual services and everybody attended the Community celebration at the high school auditorium. Everybody did not get in, for long before the program began the large room was filled to completion and crowds were turned away.

Rev. H. M. Tenney, who is living in that city and who had done a good deal for the success of the evening, gave an address in which he interpreted

the program. He said in part: "This is a 'Community chorus.'" Practically all the religious organizations of the community are represented in its membership and others not connected with the churches. The churches have all intermitted their evening services this Easter Day. It is inconceivable that in that heavenly auditorium that there will be a Presbyterian chorus in one of the galleries, a Methodist in another, a Roman Catholic in another, and so on round the circle of all the creeds and that all will be singing their praises in keys representing their intellectual differences in the world life from which they have come."

GOD GAVE THE INCREASE.

The year book for 1921 will show the following net increases for Northern California, Southern California and Washington:

	N. C.	S. C.	Wn.
Church members	263	348	104
S. S. members	555	1,944	1,377
Y. P. Society members	416	48	595
Gifts to missions	\$13,648	\$ 10,061	
Other Cong'l gifts	20,383	58,433	
Udenominational	1,676		

Total increase	\$35,707	\$ 68,494	
Home expenses increase.....	\$11,347	\$276,020	\$80,292
Value of property.....	56,260	450,700	73,625
Church debt, decrease.....	22,038		7,371

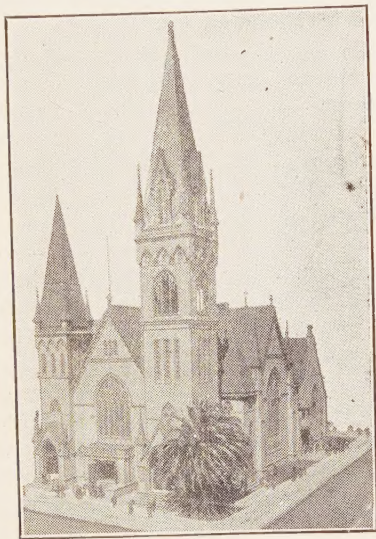
The Superintendent of the Southern California Conference reports that the grand total of all benevolent gifts for the past year is \$168,427. Also that 11 Home Missionary churches came to self-support; five new buildings were erected—Pico Heights, Hollywood, Mount Hollywood and Bethany of Los Angeles, and Mission Hills of San Diego; and five others enlarged and improved their buildings. "In all respects we had perhaps the best year in the history of the Conference."

One pastor has used those charts and the lecture sent out recently by the Congregational World Movement and he has found them very profitable. The congregation was intent in its listening and many afterwards testified to the instruction and interest of the service. The lecture is too long to be read; but if one familiarizes himself with it, it can be given in about forty minutes. The charts are impressive and make a permanent impression upon people.

Charles Leon Mears, formerly pastor at Alameda, is having a happy and prosperous time in his Minneapolis church. His Easter additions were, 83 on confession and 22 by letter of these 61 were male and 44 female, 105 in all. He baptized 10 children at the same service. The last year book reports a resident membership of 230. This Easter addition means a net increase of over 41%. Congratulations from the Pacific brethren.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF OAKLAND

The "Old First" as it is lovingly called by many is now in its sixty-second year of service. It was organized just before the Civil war broke out and has gone on its way of blessing with increasing strength and usefulness. It has had four notable pastorates during these many years; Dr. George Mooar, modest, gentle, scholarly; Dr. John Knox McLean, executive, pacifier, diplomat, and pastor-at-large to the whole community; Dr. Charles R. Brown, preacher of marked ability and perspicacity; and Dr. Francis J. Van Horn, the present incumbent who joins pulpit power to business acumen, an unusual combination, and who in spite of the fact that homes have been crowded out by busi-



ness in his parish is able to maintain the "Old First" at high water mark.

The church still has a great roll of membership; 1737 on January, 1921, about one-third of them being men. Its record of ingathering for the past year was 90, one-half of whom came upon confession. Bare figures these; but significant of fine service for any church advantageously located; but more than significant for a down-town church.

This story can give only the most meager outline of the activities of so great a church. One must read between the lines to discover the consecration and self-sacrifice of a noble band of workers which make possible this high record.

A down-town church usually has little or no work among children; not so with this. It may well boast of its enrollment of 600, with an attendance which averages through the year about 50 per cent. Its enrollment is that of an up-to-date Church school; running from the cradle roll under the care of a mother of little ones—up to an adult Bible class of older men and women. The church bulletin reveals that there are approximately 40 devoted workers engaged actively in this important service.

The bulletin also gives out this encouraging item of information; the Church school uses the Graded lessons in every department. The wonder is that any of our progressive Congregational people should be willing to use any other.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted last summer with so good results that Rev. Fred Morrison, the assistant pastor, says the same method will be employed again this summer. As an outgrowth of that "D. V. B. S." (another alphabetical comminution for us to remember) a little group of girls under 12 years of age, called the "Busy Bees," has held regular meetings since much to their benefit.

The church maintains a creche or Kindergarten class during the morning service, in charge of which parents may leave their little ones while attending church.

The boys classes of the intermediate grade are organized, have badges and hold club meetings in the finely appointed club room furnished by the families of the two "gold stars" soldiers of the church.

The young people of High School age have been gathered together into a Christian Endeavor Society; while the older young people that used to maintain that work have graduated into a young people's discussion and study group, with much new interest and value.

This church also in cooperation with others in the neighborhood helps to serve a "Corner Club" a group of employed young women who have become interested in the Christian life through the Brown evangelistic campaign.

The woman's work in this busy church must be told in few words inadequate for the fine service rendered. The Ladies Aid Society has had a year of "hard work, happy times and good results," runs the annual report. The work-meetings have been made more useful by instructive talks by representatives of benevolent and philanthropic organizations. Among the products of the year were 9 comforters, many garments for the Volunteers of America, the Ladies Relief Society, and the Associated Charities. A legacy of \$2,000 was received and invested, the interest of which is voted to charitable work. The Society raised benevolent work about \$1200.

The Guild reports a satisfactory year. It has studied mission work among women in China, Indians in our own land, and Miss Isham's work in New Mexico. With others it has happily sponsored a Mother's Friendly Circle whose mission is to bring mothers outside of the church whose children attend the Church school into social contact with the mothers in the church.

The Woman's Missionary Society is primarily a "light bearer." The treasurer reports as follows: \$620 for Home Missions; \$645 for Foreign Missions; and enough other gifts to make a total of \$2456.

This story does not cover all the organizations; neither does it reveal any commensurate idea of the real service rendered by the church as a whole. This is the merest outline. But to this report, larger as it is, there is this item to be added; and a right reading of the figures, for figures they really are, will be discovered somewhat of the greatness of the undertaking and the worthiness of the accomplishment of this noble church.

The church raised in all during the year, over fifty-six thousand dollars. This does not include the large amounts given by the members to the United Cross work, or to the Young Men's or to the Young Women's Associations. That is a large amount of money in itself. But the larger fact is that nearly half of the money went not for church expenses, but for benevolences. To be exact \$22,755 was for "others-not-ourselves," which is 47.8 per cent of the total monies raised. A record to be very happy over.

TIDINGS FROM THE CHURCHES.

San Francisco.

Easter was a great day with this church; the auditorium and Sunday school rooms were crowded. The conductor on the Sacramento Northern Railroad has received into membership upon confession of faith. The congregation gave one hundred dollars in offering for benevolences. In the evening an excellent program was given by the Sunday school. The pastor's wife, Mrs Edmund Owen, is superintendent of a large and flourishing Christian Endeavor Society. The prayer meeting, which had fallen in disuse for several years, has been reorganized with gratifying interest and attendance. A new place has been built by the Ladies' Aid Society for the church parlors where the Camp Fire Girls hold their meetings.

San Martinez.

Mrs Henry Hale, nearly 83 years of age, who has resided here ever since the church was organized in 1875 and who is the only resident charter member, beautifully decorated the church for the Easter services with white blossoms; this has been her yearly task for many years.

Los Angeles, Garvanza.

Bryant C. Preston, Pastor. At the request of the officers and members of the church, our pastor is giving a series of Sunday evening addresses growing out of his experience in the American Camps. He is speaking during April and May on "With the Tanks in Italy; The Religion of the Doughboy; The Super-man of the Air; Woman's part in the world war."

Redwood City.

On Easter extra chairs had to be brought in to seat the great audience that gathered. Two infants were baptized. At the evening service the congregation was greeted with a surprise; the lights were extinguished and then spot lights of seven different

colors were thrown upon a tableau of three young girls in white clinging to a great cross. The choir in a neighboring room sang "Rock of Ages." The most interesting service of the day was at the Sunday school session; an effort had been making to bring the attendance up to 250, but on Easter day the Sunday school went over the top with 283 present. Prof Otis Carrington, teacher of music and drawing in the High school, is proving a great success as superintendent of our Sunday school.

Pacific Grove.

The church was comfortably filled on Easter morning. The Bible school attendance was 160. The church gave \$315 for the China-Famine Relief. On the Sunday following Easter 17 new members were received, 7 of whom came on confession. Prayer meeting attendance has reached 50.

San Juan.

Not for many years has there been so large an attendance. Some of the old timers said it reminded them of the early days when nearly everybody attended church at least once on Sunday. Rev. H. T. Jackson preached on "Come and see where the Lord lay." It was an excellent sermon. The church had the joy of receiving five adults into membership, upon confession; four of them were baptized. One little child also was presented in baptism. The church has cordially invited the pastor to remain with them for another year.

Tipton.

The small church at Tipton gave two excellent programs on Easter Sunday. Spring flowers, songs, poems, and fair children's faces made the morning service a treat to the older folks to whom children's voices are ever sweet. The Easter message was given by three high school students who recited in turn passages from Elizabeth Stuart Phelps: "The Story of Jesus Christ." An earnest, sympathetic audience filled the church. In the evening, the program was given in the large auditorium of the school building, because the church is small. A chorus of thirteen adult voices, with the aid of an excellent accompaniment on the piano, rendered the musical numbers of Florence Morse Kingsley's "Love Triumphant," and the fascinating story was told by eight readers from the intermediate and high school classes of the Sabbath school. Preceding this story, a brief program of instrumental and vocal music was given—one of the soloists being Mr. Frank Cooper, an evangelistic singer who is developing a ranch in the San Joaquin valley as a rest for nerves overtaxed in public work, and has kindly given his magnificent voice to our services in Tipton church several times. Our church has received no new members for some time, but it is undoubtedly gaining in influence in the community, and all services are well attended. Just now we are all working with "peptomism" for our coming Radcliffe Chautauqua, which, with its fine educa-

tional influence, is a close second for the church.

Big Valley Parish.

Easter day in this large parish was busy and fruitful, with Sunday school service, two Christian Endeavor societies and two church services. Sunday morning at Adin Rev. J. R. Shoemaker, the pastor, rejoiced over the sight of 128 Sunday school scholars in their Easter exercises at which four babies were baptized. At Lookout the service was full of interest and well attended. Chairs were brought in to accommodate the crowd that gathered at the evening service at Adin. The decorations and music and entire service represented the best that the community could afford. Three adults were baptized, and ten new members were received into the church. One hundred new song books have been purchased, and the Woman's Club has ordered three dozen kindergarten chairs for the Sunday school.

Etna Mills, Siskiyou County.

Charles H. Dains, pastor. The Sunday school which reported in the last year book as having an enrollment of 30, now has an average attendance of 80. The pastor is organizing a troop of Boy Scouts in connection with the church, and already 20 have enrolled. It is having the cordial support of all the parents. Some Catholic boys are among the number. One Indian lad who had given up attendance at school has re-entered as a result of belonging to the troop. The younger boys are clamoring for a troop of "Cub Scouts." It is planned to gather the girls together into a Camp Fire organization. The Congregationalists and Methodists are federated in this church. Four new members were received on Easter. The Ladies' Aid bazaar sold out all its work on the first day, netting over \$400. Through the influence of the church and the co-operation of the theatre manager only good movie pictures are thrown on the screen; and the business has improved according to the testimony of the manager.

Auburn.

Grant L. Shaeffer, pastor. Over 3,000 attended the Easter sunrise meeting on Aeolia heights; Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Sacramento addressed the great gathering. The church was full at both the morning and evening services. The offering in the morning was for the parsonage fund and amounted to \$156. This church bought the parsonage a year ago for \$4,000 and to date all is provided for but \$125. The evening offering was for missions and was \$35.

San Diego, Mission Hills.

H. B. Roberts, pastor. The new church building has been completed and dedicated practically free of debt. The structure, standing on the site of the old building, has been erected at a cost of about \$33,000. Of this \$10,000 was given by the congregation gathered on the morning of the dedicatory services. The auditorium, with its inclined floor of

terra cotta cement, will seat 350; but with the Sunday school room thrown open 450 people can be satisfactorily accommodated. The building is in the mission style, has a pastor's study, kitchen, reception rooms on the first floor, and children's room on the second.

Oakland, Plymouth.

Charles L. Kloss, pastor. Miss Louise Brown, recently engaged as Social Service Director of the work for girls in the Center is a graduate of the University of California. She was engaged for three years in playground work in Oakland and at Palmdale. She was head of the Recreation Department. She also taught French in the high school at Centerville. She will have charge of the Camp Fire Girls and four other clubs and direct two junior classes afternoons and evenings.

Honolulu, Central Union.

Albert W. Palmer, pastor. The Easter-day services were up to the high-water mark. Pastor Palmer spoke on "The gospel of the resurrection." A musical service of high order was rendered in the evening by a choir of 36 voices. A special offering of \$3,175 was made for the China Relief Fund. At the Easter Communion service on the Thursday evening preceding, 13 new members were received on confession, and 15 by letter.

Rio Vista.

G. Southwell Brett, pastor. Easter brought great congregations and a fine spirit. At the communion service following 5 children and 3 adults were baptized, and 10 new members received. During Lent the pastor gave a series of Sunday evening lectures on "Jesus of Nazareth," which were highly appreciated. On April 10 Superintendent Rathbone was present with the church, preaching in the morning and giving in the evening an illustrated lecture upon "Our Congregational Work." There was a fine impression made by both services.

San Jose.

E. A. King, pastor. During the Lenten season the pastor discussed such themes as "The supremacy of Jesus; How Jesus reveals God; Jesus and social ideals; and the influence of Jesus." Palm Sunday was great; in the evening a film "From manger to cross" was shown for the fourth time in the church with a crowded house. On Easter there were ten baptisms, and six new members received, two on confession. The Easter offering was \$100. Pastor King is using his Wednesday evening services for answering questions brought in by the people. A member, Mrs. Charles D. Blaney, has given \$1,000 for the China Famine Relief, to be administered through the Lintsing Hospital. On one Sunday evening Mr. King discussed Dr. Cull's last book, "The Bride of Mission San Jose," illustrated by moving pictures.

pton.

H. Gill, pastor. The quarterly report of the church just out shows a net gain in membership for January 1 of 47; church school attendance 210; total receipts for current expenses \$1, and for benevolences \$405. A fine record, an encouraging advance on the previous year.

verville.

The pastor, William Wendell Riley, was cheered on Easter Sunday by the largest congregation the church has ever had in its history. The day was beautiful and the services charming. The pastor gave a fine list of people as new members—13 in all. Everybody was happy in Weaverville over the services of the day.

CLAREMONT NOTES

The second semester at Pomona College is rich in personality and interest. As noted in the Pacific the coming of Dr. Raymond C. Brooks is a positive enrichment of its already fine faculty. Pomona College and Claremont welcome him enthusiastically.

Two distinguished teachers are in residence as Exchange Professors at this time; Prof. Graham Taylor, LL. D., of Chicago Commons, and Prof. George Howard Parker of the Department of Biology, Harvard University, each with most attractive courses of lectures. This is the first visit of Prof. Parker, but Dr. Taylor has been here before, and his return testifies to previous successes. "The Immigrant in Our Midst" has in it the spirit and life of Chicago Commons, where for twenty-six years Prof. Taylor has mingled and labored with the immigrant in a personal touch that is unique. "Social and Governmental Problems of the American City," reveal the intimate and constructive nature of his work along these lines. His course seemed to culminate in his single public address, given last evening in Holmes Hall to a very appreciative audience which he held for nearly two and a half hours. His theme was "The Fight For Peaceful Industrial Readjustment." Coming, as it did, at the hour of the English crisis, "where the miners hold the key to all activities," gave it increased significance.

It is almost cruel to be limited to the barest outline, for it was rich in thought and material. As quoted from the great speech of Lloyd George at September, as indicating the magnanimous spirit of the English Premier, and with that as a basis spoke of the spirit we need in America as—(a) the spirit of tolerance; (b) the spirit of understanding; (c) the spirit of interpretation; (d) the spirit of mediation. There is a changing spirit on the employers' side—as shown in the present, successful, working plans of the great Harvester Co.; in those of Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing Co.; and in some sections of the wide-read works of the U. S. Steel Co. In a burst of

feeling he exclaimed—"It would seem as if God Almighty was forcing brotherhood upon the world by the interlocking processes of modern, social economic and political interests." "The need of today is the **Get Together Spirit.**"

The victory for the Sunday Closing Ordinance in the City of Pomona was not large but decisive. The coming of the National Council in July is already stirring Southern California.

—W. C. M.

IN HONOR OF DR. FREAR

The Monday Club on April 11 gave itself to an occasion in honor of Rev. Walter F. Frear D. D. At its session at 11 o'clock the hour was given up to what the program called, "Counsel from the Old Guard." Three pastors, all of whom are on the Western Slope of life, gave a message of great interest: Dennis Goodsell spoke on "Reasons for cheerfulness"; Benjamin F. Sargent on "What changes have taken place during Dr. Frear's lifetime"; and Oramel W. Lucas on "What the younger men ought to teach to their congregations."

At the luncheon served by the ladies of the San Francisco First church, the genial Sunset pastor, William J. Speers, presided and called forth happy speeches from Prof. C. H. Ham, F. J. Van Horn, L. D. Rathbone, and others. The response by Dr. Frear was such as his friends might expect. He scarcely referred to himself and his 35 years of loving and unpaid service in the Ministerial Relief Society, but after detailing the splendid foresight and sacrifices of the men who first organized the Society he urged upon the Conference trustees, who are to be the new custodians of this work, that they use great wisdom in administering and increasing the funds of the Society.

Dr. Frear was born in August of 1828, and will thus be 93 years old on his next birthday. He has happily kept all his faculties and interest up to this late hour in his life. He has been a man of power, of large usefulness, and of modesty during all these many years. He has been, as one of the speakers so felicitously said, "a living benediction among us."

DR. CULL'S NEW BOOK.

"The Bride of Mission San Jose," like the former volume by this author, is a story of California—of about the middle of last century, just before the State came into the Union. Three aspects will interest the reader. There is a love story, of which of course the reviewer must say nothing, for how it runs and how it ends is always the chief interest.

Then there is the historical aspect. Dr. Cull has taken the view held by a few that England was conniving at possessing this fair territory, even having agents here in co-operation with a rather large fleet. But the reader must not take the implications of the story too seriously as accredited

history. A novelist is not a historian, but a fiction writer and therefore is privileged to take "poetic" liberties with so unromantic affairs as facts: a too critical spirit must not spoil a good story.

The third feature is to our mind the most successful, and that is the atmosphere. The author is in his element; he has lived in the environment and with an awakened imagination has been able to put himself as well as his reader in happy and intimate touch with the spirit and customs of those earlier days. After all a historical novel is not so much one that is meticulously accurate in the narration of facts as in representation of the spirit of the time.

The chapters are largely conversational, some of which is vivid. There is also action enough in places. We have wondered if the book would not lend itself effectively to the Movies; perhaps a hint of this was in the mind of the author as he blocked out his story. ("The Bride of Mission San Jose" by John Augustine Cull. pp448. The Abingdon Press., New York.)

WAYSIDE NOTES.

Rev. Augustine Jones, who has been the acting pastor of the Berkeley North Church during the absence of Pastor Larkin, has received and accepted a call to the Makawao Union church at Paia, on the island of Maui. He expects to begin work in the new field early in this month. He will succeed Rev. A. Craig Bowdish, who has just come to the Richmond church of this city.

Mrs. George H. DeKay sailed for the Hawaiian Islands on April 6th to join her husband who has taken a pastorate on the Island of Maui. She was accompanied by her daughter Mary, and also Miss Lucy Hale, daughter of Rev. Edson Hale of Martinez. A bevy of friends was at the wharf to wish "God speed" to the travelers..

Rev. Dennis Goodsell has consented to act as agent for the Pacific in Berkeley and vicinity. Mr. Goodsell has been a pastor in California for a great many years. Thirty-nine years ago he came to our State and has put in all these years up to very recently in shepherding our churches of the Northern Conference. On account of advancing years and poor health he was compelled to lay aside this service to which his life was dedicated. He, however, is unwilling to be idle, so offers himself now to the interests of our Congregational Coast paper. We bespeak a kindly welcome for him from all whom he may approach.

WALLACE W. LOVEJOY

On March 23 Mrs. Lovejoy died in her home in Oakland, and on April 8, only a little more than two weeks after, her husband followed her into the other life.

Dr. Lovejoy never had a vigorous body, but always a most active and alert mind. He was an

omnivorous reader, yet no recluse; it was his to share all that he had read and all that he meditated with his multitude of friends.

A memorial service for him was held in First Congregational church of Oakland on Monday April 18, presided over by his pastor F. J. Van Horn. Three of his friends bore testimony to ability and influence. Prof. Day, formerly of San Anselmo Seminary, who had been a student under Prof. Lovejoy in Philadelphia in 1880, P. J. W. Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion and Dr. Van Horn. Dr. Walter Frear offered prayer. At the request previously made by Lovejoy a short characteristic poem of Walt Whitman on "Funerals" was read, also some lines written by himself only a short time before his death. They will be found in this issue of the Pacific.

The Monday Club earlier in the day had passed appreciative resolutions which were also read at this service. In them his fellow-ministers mentioned this record;—"His acute and eager mind, his scholarship, his love for the good, the true, the beautiful, his poetic gift, both in interpretation and expression, his tireless search for the best in life and literature, his generous sharing of all that he found, and above all his undimmed faith and love and his unflagging zest in the high life made of Dr. Lovejoy a teacher and friend whom we cherish with honor and fraternal affection, joining in his prayer;—

O day of God, break o'er our eastern sky!
O voices of prophetic ecstasy

Again, afar, resound!

Thus heard no man the cry of those who faint
Night's anguish gone, Death, Sorrow's bitter pain
Hushed in a peace profound.

The Chinese Colony of San Francisco has sent another \$100,000 for the Famine Relief; makes in all a quarter million of dollars in sent by these people.

New York is the fortieth state in the Union to pass a prohibition enforcement measure placing police power of the state back of the 18th Amendment. California still lags among the delinquents.

Loomis dedicated its new church on Sunday, April 24, free of debt. The building cost \$17,000.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Religion and Business," by Roger W. Babson, President of the Fabson Statistical Organization, 221 pp. \$1.50. The MacMillan Company, New York.

"The Bride of Mission San Jose," by John Augustine Cull. 448 pages. The Abington Press, N. Y.

"Preaching and Paganism," by Albert Parker Felt, Professor of the History of Religion, in Amherst College. Paper board, pp. 229. Yale University Press. \$2.00.

"By an Unknown Disciple," pp. 246. George H. Ransom Company, N. Y.

"The Bible in Our Modern World," by F. M. Shepley. pp. 53. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.